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SUBJECT: PRESIDENT TOURE'S INTEREST IN VISITING U.S.

REF: A) CONAKRY 1387; B) CONAKRY 1509

1. SEPTTEL INFORMS YOU THAT AMBASSADOR CROSBY WILL NOT RETURN TO CONAKRY UNTIL AFTER THE CHIEFS OF MISSION MEETING IN OCTOBER. IN HIS ABSENCE YOU SHOULD SEEK A MEETING WITH CHIEF OF PROTOCOL BANGOURA IN ORDER TO REPLY TO QUESTION RAISED BY BANGOURA IN MEETING ON JULY 15 REPORTED REF A. YOU SHOULD MAKE FOLLOWING POINTS:

A) WE REGRET DELAY IN RESPONDING TO BANGOURA'S QUESTIONS REGARDING POSSIBLE VISIT BY PRESIDENT SEKOU TOURE TO NEW YORK TO ADDRESS THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY AND NOTE THAT IT IS ALWAYS DIFFICULT TO MAKE ARRANGEMENTS TO MEET WITH HEADS
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OF VISITING DELEGATIONS IN THE EARLY DAYS OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY UNTIL WE KNOW WHO IS COMING AND WHEN.

B) WE ARE VERY PLEASED TO BE ABLE TO INFORM THE GUINEAN GOVERNMENT THAT, IF PRESIDENT SEKOU TOURE HEADS THE GUINEAN DELEGATION TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY, THE SECRETARY OF STATE WOULD BE PLEASED TO MEET HIM IN NEW YORK. THE

SECRETARY WILL HEAD THE U.S. DELEGATION DURING THE FIRST

FEW DAYS OF THE SESSION AND WILL BE IN NEW YORK SEPTEMBER 22-26.

C) WE WOULD APPRECIATE AN INDICATION OF PRESIDENT SEKOU TOURE'S PLANS SO THAT THE NECESSARY SCHEDULING ARRANGEMENTS MAY BE MADE.

3. WE RECOGNIZE THAT THIS ANSWER WILL BE A DISAPPOINTMENT TO BANGOURA BECAUSE IT DOES NOT COVER A POSSIBLE MEETING WITH THE PRESIDENT. IF THE GUINEANS RAISE THE POSSIBILITY OF A MEETING WITH THE PRESIDENT YOU SHOULD SAY:

-- THE PRESIDENT DOES NOT REPEAT NOT INTEND TO VISIT NEW YORK TO TAKE PART IN THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

-- THE PRESIDENT'S SCHEDULE AT THIS TIME OF YEAR IS EXTREMELY FULL WITH COMMITMENTS MADE WELL IN ADVANCE.

-- THE SOLE HEAD OF STATE THE PRESIDENT HAS AGREED TO SEE IN WASHINGTON IS SUDAN PRESIDENT NIMERY, IN HIS CAPACITY AS PRESENT HEAD OF THE OAU. IT WILL BE IMPOSSIBLE TO ADD TO THIS LIST.

4. IF THE GUINEANS RAISE THE POSSIBILITY OF A VISIT
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TO WASHINGTON YOU SHOULD SAY:

-- WE WOULD APPRECIATE THE EARLIEST POSSIBLE INDICATION OF THE DATES WHEN PRESIDENT SEKOU TOURE MIGHT VISIT WASHINGTON.

-- WE CAN MAKE ABSOLUTELY NO COMMITMENTS AT THIS TIME REGARDING THOSE WHOM HE MIGHT SEE IN WASHINGTON.

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